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Progress of development works under the National Extension Scheme in North Arcot.

* 895 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress of development works under the National Extension Scheme in North Arcot district; and

(*b*) the amount spent on them so far?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Work in respect of 15 roads, 9 wells, 11 reading-*cum*-radio rooms, 5 parks and 3 school buildings is in progress and will be completed before 31st March 1954. Three culverts and 2 road dams are under construction. Agricultural model farms have been started in 5 villages. 2,750 lb. of improved seeds of paddy, groundnut, etc., were distributed in several villages. 170 lb. of pesticides were used in 21 villages; sesbania and glyricidia seedlings have been planted on ridges in respect of 275 acres of lands. 265 acres of waste lands have been brought under cultivation. 2,115 compost pits and 675 manure pits have been formed. 785 tons of compost have been produced. 33,369 agriculturists have been induced to use improved agricultural methods and seeds. 96 adult schools have been started. Slates, lights, books, etc., have been supplied to the adult schools. Six radio sets have been installed. Street lighting has been carried out in 7 villages and street improvements have been effected in 6 villages. Coir industry has been started in 3 villages. Steps are being taken to constitute separate panchayat boards in 10 villages. Co-operative societies have been formed in 6 villages. Arrangements are being made to start milk supply and weaving societies. One Sindhi stud bull has been supplied. Castration of scrub bulls was done in 250 cases. Arrangements are being made to open a Leprosy clinic at Kilpennathur village in Tiruvannamalai block.

" (*b*) Rs. 38,675."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have the Government measured the returns from the good spade work which the Hon. Minister has elaborated? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is for hon. Members like the hon. Member who put the question to measure the returns with reference to the expenditure incurred and tell the Government so that the Government may review the work that is being done."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Of these schemes, how many have been undertaken by local bodies, how many at Government's initiative and how many at the instance of private persons? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, all the schemes are done under the auspices of the National Extension Service."

* 896 *Q.*—Please see page 283.

Assignment of poramboke lands to political sufferers in Talainayar, Tanjore district.

* 897 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri S. Vadivelu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of poramboke land in the Talainayar range in Tiruturaipundi taluk of Tanjore district that was available for cultivation in the year 1947 ;

(*b*) the extent of lands given for cultivation to Harijans;

(*c*) the number of Harijans to whom lands were so given; and

(*d*) whether any part of the lands referred to in (*a*) has been utilized for any other purpose or given to any other person or political sufferer?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) 1,750·75 acres.

" (*b*) Nil.

" (*c*) Does not arise.

" (*d*) An extent of 11·96 acres was assigned to three political sufferers and an extent of 2·91 acres was assigned to a person who was not a Harijan."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஒரு ஆயிரத்திற்கு மேற்பட்ட புறம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் சாகுபடிக்குத் தயாராக இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அதிலே 11 எக்கர் தியாகிகளுக்கும், வேறு சிலருக்கும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொல்லுகிறார். இதுபோக பாக்கி இருக்கக்கூடிய ஒரு ஆயிரம் நிலங்களை சாகுபடிக்குக் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் ஏதாவது திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா, அல்லது அதுபற்றி யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration and we expect a report from the Engineer concerned. The difficulty there is that saline water gets into the land."

SRI C. KANDASAMI :—" இதுவரையில் இந்த நிலங்களுக்கு ஹரிஜனங்கள் மனுப் போட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? மனுப் போட்டும் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லையா ? அல்லது மனுப் போட்டவர்களுக்கு நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I want notice, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" The Hon. Minister, I suppose, gave the answer that three political sufferers were assigned lands. Sir, is it the new policy of the new Cabinet to assign lands to political prisoners again? "